

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH FORUMS

### QUINCY – OCTOBER 6, 2005

#### Community Development

##### Quincy – (North Central)

- Assist local communities in general planning with emphasis on agricultural and conservation easements
- Fast-track forest projects around local communities to reduce fire damage
- Programs that address infrastructure around local communities - water, waste water, storm runoff
- Conservancy role in land-trade and other barter activities to benefit local economies
- Complimentary currencies
- Reserve and protect land for the sake of the environment
- Can the conservancy direct funding to local public transportation , extending hours of service to Quincy
- Dial-a-ride programs
- IT infrastructure/high speed access
- Dumping money into local projects will not serve regional problems
- Conservancy's role in leading and facilitating regional, convening, information/education, safe format/neutral ground
- Organizing think tank process for new solutions to sustainable forestry, watershed mgmt, hazardous fuels reduction, working level income housing.
- Community revitalization projects within existing communities, downtown cores, reuse of brown/grey fields, small log utilization, permit streamlining, grants for land use visioning projects
- Voice for Sierra Private Landowners to bring federal resources
- Help rural communities exercise their area of origin water rights
- Develop surface water resource instead of ground water
- Direct conservation easement funds to areas in general funds identified for conservation
- Supporting sustainable local agriculture
- Create destination spots based on local natural resources (eco tourism)
- Planning for land use with the upcoming energy crisis in mind
- Reuse, Recycle (renewable resource entrepreneurship)
- Land stewardship - traditional forestry (public and private land)
- Productive value of ecologically functioning landscapes
- Promoting and supporting local sustainable and organic Ag
- Money for working on forest conservation easements
- Money for monitoring conservation easements
- Purchase of working ranch conservation easements

#### Property Rights

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- Land purchased by SNC must be maintained, including bugs, overgrown, etc.
- Maintenance agreements are strongly recommended
- Inventory of biological diversity on public and private land
- Need to prioritize conservation efforts
- Need overall land planning
- Need to restore east-side flyway (down to Tulare basin) restore the network of lakes, marshes and seasonal wetlands, need a viable network
- SNC should help organize the above inventory by bringing together professionals from federal state and other public agencies
- SNC should take guidance from well-informed local experts and specialists
- Need mechanisms for holding private land-owners accountable to protect areas that have been restored on private lands
- Want major support for local business in SNC area, especially small business support
- Want help with local general plans

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- SNC should work with local agricultural interests to set up agricultural preservation easements
- DO NOT forget SNEP

#### Technical Assistance

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- Schedule for grants, preferably coincides with other (non-state) grant programs
- Plumas Co General Plan - County needs help with planning process (assist with more thorough review)
- NRCD already provide local services and other agencies, need to work with existing expertise
- Use SNC as unifying agency - clearing house for info
- GIS program - can help with county-wide stakeholder groups
- Assistance in streamlining permit process for restoration projects
- Facilitate cross-jurisdictional planning (ex. Sierra Valley is in Plumas and Sierra)
- Economic valuing of natural resources as resources (functioning ecosystems) rather than communities
- Streamline permit process for forest health issues
- Ensure technical assistance is in-field (not just regurgitating existing research)
- Work with "unrecognized" tribes (80% in CA unrecognized). Burton Bill requires agencies to consult with them
- Develop potential to pursue cultural easements, access to culturally-used and historic sites
- Coordinate not duplicate UC cooperative extension programs, including research
- Learn from successful models in other regions, promoting what works. Coordinate efforts with RCD's (resource conservation districts)
- Help with pulling in multiple funding opportunities
- RCD's funded for planning but need implementation funding
- Need technical assistance for regional solutions (new ways to address problems), not necessarily for the things we're doing now
- Coordinate forest stewardship with PG&E
- Convene and coordinate local knowledge to create regional solutions
- Visualize strategic plan for east side flyway
- Coordinate with local colleges and education organizations (not just CSU's and UC's)